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Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

Across the state of Louisiana there are 19 domestic violence programs. Eighteen programs report themselves as being members of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Of these 18 member programs, 4 are dual programs providing both domestic violence and sexual assault services for Louisianians.

Exhibit 1 displays the scope of domestic violence services offered through the various member programs. No single shelter provides all programs inventoried, but many programs offer the majority of services. Almost all programs maintain a domestic violence hotline, offer support groups for women, organize community education or have a speakers bureau, and offer legal advocacy. Other well-represented services include on-site shelters, services and support for sheltered and non-sheltered children, education programs in schools, and domestic violence-related training for professionals.

Many member programs have developed specific program components to meet the needs of several unique Louisiana populations. Children and battered women were two such groups, each being mentioned by several programs. Teens, older women, adult survivors of sexual abuse, and formerly battered women were each mentioned by different member programs. Two programs service the special needs of women living in rural parishes (counties).

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence member programs offered many programs not specifically addressed by this inventory. A couple of programs have intern and volunteer programs. Other programs focus on the education and development of women and children through tutoring programs, parenting classes, and a women's empowerment library. More service-oriented programs include counseling, referrals, and transportation services.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=18)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
17	Independently run domestic violence hotline
12	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
17	Support group for women
16	Legal advocacy program
8	Medical advocacy program
12	Specific support program for sheltered children
13	Services for non-sheltered children
11	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
10	Education programs in colleges or universities
17	Community education/speakers bureau
15	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
5	Transitional/second-stage housing
3	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
7	Other services (<i>intern/volunteer program, on-site day care, tutoring for sheltered children, parenting classes, transportation, case management counseling, information and referrals, counseling for rape victims, college grant program, women's empowerment educational library, one-on-one counseling, technical assistance with protective orders</i>)

The dual member programs provide an array of sexual assault services, the most prevalent services being sexual assault hotlines, one-on-one counseling, legal and medical advocacy and community education programs or a speakers bureau (see exhibit 2).

Of the four dual programs that are members of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, two devoted 70 to 75 percent of their services to domestic violence, with sexual assault prevention and programming consuming the final 25 to 30 percent. Another member program reported as much 90 percent of its services for domestic violence versus 10 percent for sexual assault. The fourth program also reported supporting more domestic violence services (49 percent) than sexual assault services (19 percent), but it did not account for the remaining third of their services.

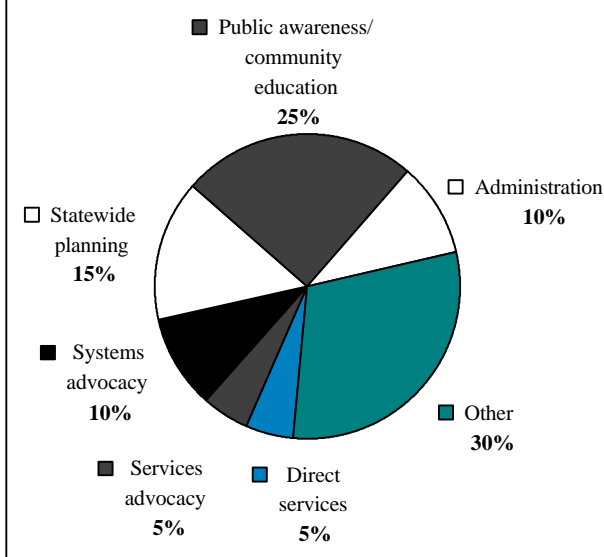
Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=4) offering various sexual assault services

Number of programs	Service
4	Independently run sexual assault hotline
4	One-on-one counseling
3	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
3	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
0	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
0	Secondary support group for parents of victims
3	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
4	Legal advocacy program
4	Medical advocacy program
2	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
4	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
2	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

The efforts of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence are shared among diverse types of operations. Public awareness and community education and technical assistance operations (designated in figure 1 as “other”) were afforded the largest amount of the effort, consuming a total of 55 percent of the coalition’s labor. The coalition’s work on coalition administration and on ventures such as statewide planning activities and systems advocacy programs each received about 10 to 15 percent of resources. Undertakings like direct services and services advocacy draw less from the coalition, each consuming about 5 percent of resources.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations



Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence managed four special projects during its 1995 fiscal year.

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Research Consortium

Description: The coalition organized a network of scholars, practitioners, and advocates who have joined together to search for and recommend solutions to domestic violence.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Pro bono/volunteer

Coordinated Community Response Project

Description: The coalition provided technical assistance to communities that are organizing to provide or are already working to provide an integrated response to domestic violence.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Pro bono/volunteer

Older Battered Women's Outreach Project

Description: The coalition held a conference in April 1995 and a follow-up workshop in January 1996 to assist programs in meeting the needs of older battered women.

Purpose: Services advocacy

Funding Source: State funding

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Training Projects

Description: This program involved the development of training teams and the preparation of curricula to meet the specific needs of both the police and prosecutors.

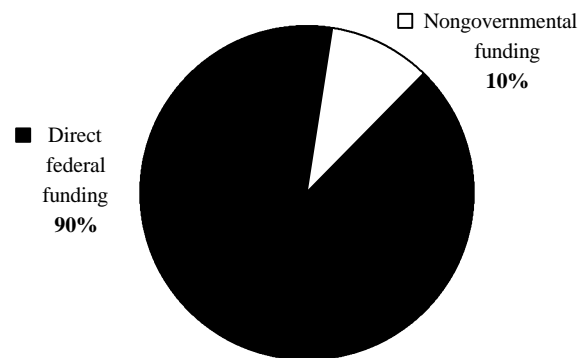
Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding Source: Other funding (the coalition collected fees when programs were convened)

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

The most substantial amount of funding for Louisiana's domestic violence coalition came directly from the federal government in the form of a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant. Nongovernmental funding rounded out the budget, contributing just under 10 percent to the coalition's monetary assets (figure 2). For the 1995 fiscal year, the coalition reported no state-administered funding sources. With a total budget between \$10,001 and \$200,000, this coalition falls into the next-to-lowest quartile when funding is measured against other state domestic violence coalitions in this inventory. Nearly all of these funds were used to support the coalition itself rather than being passed on to member programs. No funds were retained to be used in fiscal year 1996.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Federal and State Funding

The solitary source of government funds was the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant from the federal government (see exhibit 3). The coalition received no money from the state.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant 	None

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental funding provided the coalition with 10 percent of its 1995 budget, as shown in exhibit 4. The money that made up this 10 percent came from two sources. The largest source was local program dues, providing 95 percent of nongovernmental funds (or 9.5 percent of the overall budget). Interest and miscellaneous donations supplied 5 percent of nongovernmental funds (less than 1 percent overall).

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
Local program dues	95%
Other	5%

*Nongovernmental funding was 10% of total funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence retained most of its funds to support coalition work, such as office administration and special projects. A small amount of the money it generated through nongovernmental sources was passed to member programs.

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

Member Programs and Services

Eleven programs that are members of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFasa) provided reports regarding the types of services they offer. Almost all member programs report having a sexual assault hotline, one-on-one counseling, women's support groups, professional training, community education programs, and education programs directed to students at colleges and universities. In addition, most member programs offer child and adult accompaniment and advocacy services, and legal and medical advocacy programs. Less represented programs include treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders, support groups for male victims, and secondary support groups for spouses, partners, or parents of victims. Refer to exhibit 5 for a complete listing of sexual assault services offered by LaFasa member programs.

A few member programs offer services not included on this inventory, such as vocational and technical training, hospital escorts for victims, and a special advocacy program for cases involving children assaulted by out-of-home perpetrators. A few programs have developed specific components to meet the needs of children, teens, minorities, the physically disabled, and the hearing impaired.

**Exhibit 5. Number of coalition member programs (N=11)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
10	Independently run sexual assault hotline
11	One-on-one counseling
10	Support group for adult women
7	Support group for teenage girls
1	Support group for male victims
8	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
3	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
3	Secondary support group for parents of victims
11	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
10	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
10	Legal advocacy program
10	Medical advocacy program
8	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
10	Education programs in colleges or universities
11	Community education/speakers bureau
10	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
8	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
3	Other services (<i>escorts to hospital, vocational technical training, child advocacy for cases involving out-of-home perpetrators</i>)

Of the 11 member programs, 3 report themselves to be dual programs. One of these programs noted that most of its services are geared to domestic violence. The other two were not able to separate domestic violence from sexual assault services as the two are often interrelated. Exhibit 6 shows the array of domestic violence services offered by the dual domestic violence/sexual assault programs that are members of LaFasa.

Exhibit 6. Number of coalition member programs (N=3) offering various domestic violence services

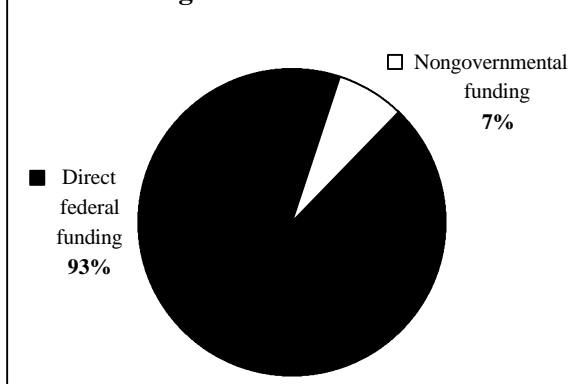
Number of programs	Service
2	Independently run domestic violence hotline
1	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
3	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
2	Specific support program for sheltered children
3	Services for non-sheltered children
1	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools universities
1	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
2	Transitional/second-stage housing
2	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>play therapy for child victims</i>)

Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

LaFasa provided limited information about its funding. Based on that information, LaFasa's total funding falls in the second quartile of funding (\$7,001 to \$75,000) when compared to other sexual assault coalitions nationwide. Figure 3 shows that the majority of funding originated as direct federal funding, which is supplemented by nongovernmental sources.

At the time this inventory was compiled, the coalition was unable to offer information concerning programming operations, special projects, or specific funding sources.

Figure 3. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Louisiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault



Louisiana State Government Agencies

This inventory identified two Louisiana state government agencies that provided funding to fight domestic violence and sexual assault.

Louisiana Office of Women's Services, Family Violence Unit

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

The Louisiana Office of Women's Services, Family Violence Unit, funded both domestic violence and sexual assault programs during the 1994-95 fiscal year. It distributed a total of \$2,239,000, allocating \$2,132,000 for domestic violence and \$107,000 for sexual assault. For domestic violence, the state provided the majority of the funding, but the federal government also disbursed a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant to this agency. The Family Violence Unit also received \$107,000 in sexual assault funding; however, the agency was unable to report whether this funding was state or federal funding. Hereafter this money will be reported as Louisiana state funding.

Beneficiaries of the Louisiana Office of Women's Services, Family Violence Unit, were local domestic violence programs and local and sexual assault programs, which received \$2,132,000 and \$100,000, respectively. The agency also arranged a \$7,000 contract with the directors of the state's sexual assault coalition.

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

Fiscal year: October 1994 - September 1995

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement contributed to the funding of both domestic violence and sexual assault services and programming. In all, \$562,000 of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds passed through this agency and into the budgets of local domestic violence and sexual assault programs and local government agencies fighting sexual assault. The agency set aside \$331,000 for domestic violence, all of which it distributed to local domestic violence programs. Funding for sexual assault totaled \$231,000, of which \$164,000 went to local sexual assault programs and \$67,000 to local government agencies. The Commission on Law Enforcement acquired no funding from its home state.

Federal and State Funding Reported by Louisiana State Government Agencies

The \$1,969,000 from the Louisiana state government accounted for over two-thirds of the domestic violence and sexual assault funds that passed through state agencies. Federal funds totaling \$832,000 contributed 30 percent to Louisiana's efforts to conquer violence against women (see figure 4). Exhibit 7 shows the dollar amounts from Louisiana government funding sources.

Figure 4. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Louisiana state agencies

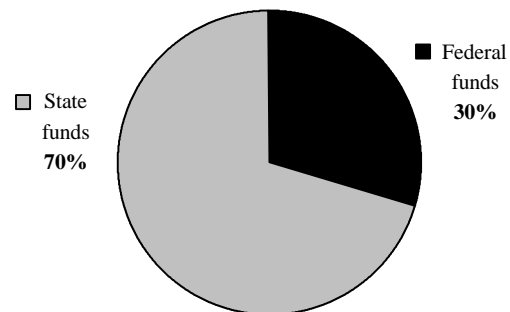


Exhibit 7. Federal and state funding totals reported by Louisiana state agencies

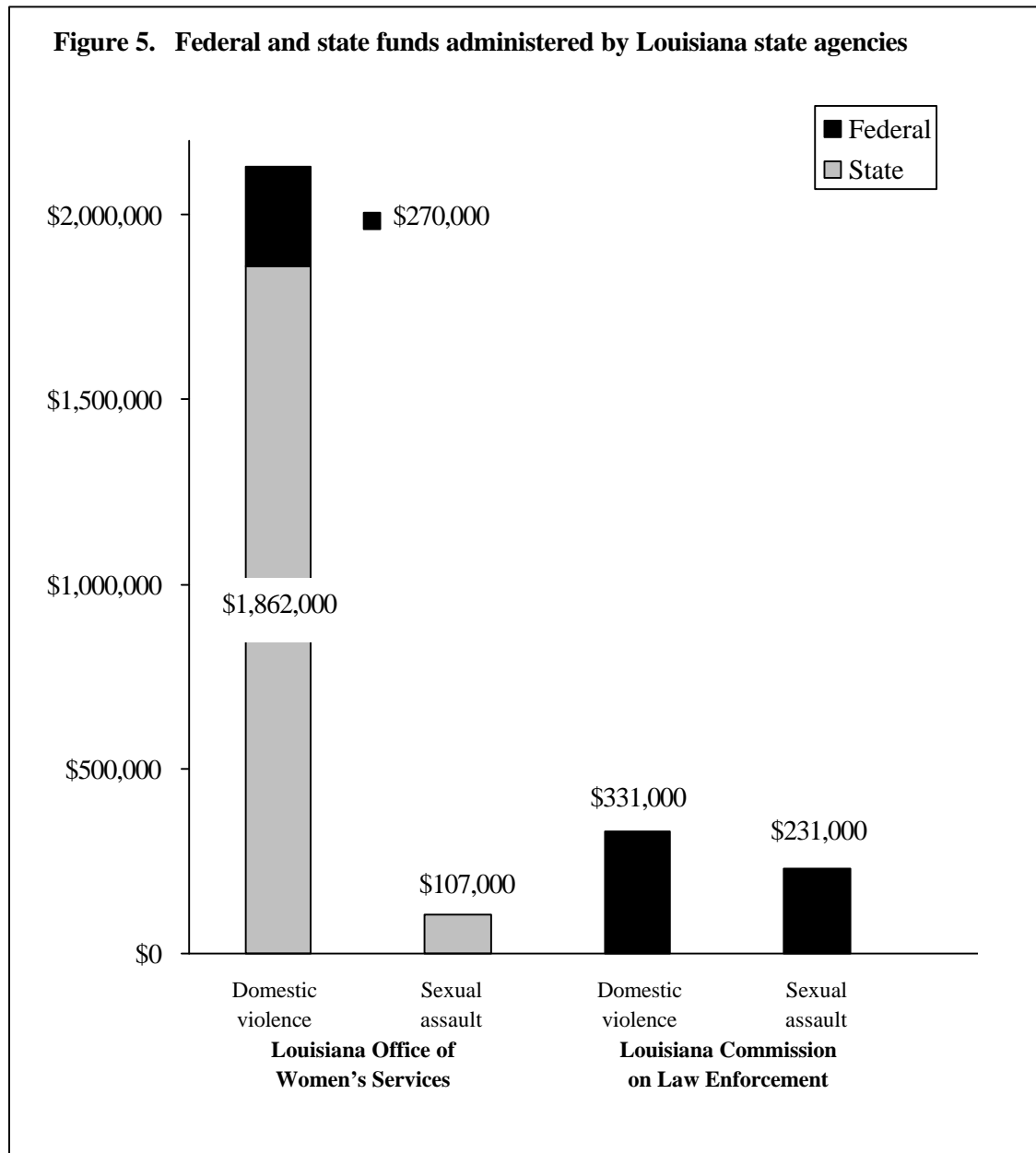
Federal	\$832,000
State	\$1,969,000
Total	\$2,801,000

As already mentioned, the majority of government funding to combat violence against women in Louisiana originates in the state government. Money generated through tax revenues and/or the state's general fund provided the largest state contribution. Marriage license fees/surcharges and an inter-agency transfer also delivered approximately half a million dollars to state agencies (exhibit 8).

The funds the state agencies received from the federal government totaled about \$832,000. The bulk came from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), with money from the Family Violence Prevention Services state formula grant also providing some support.

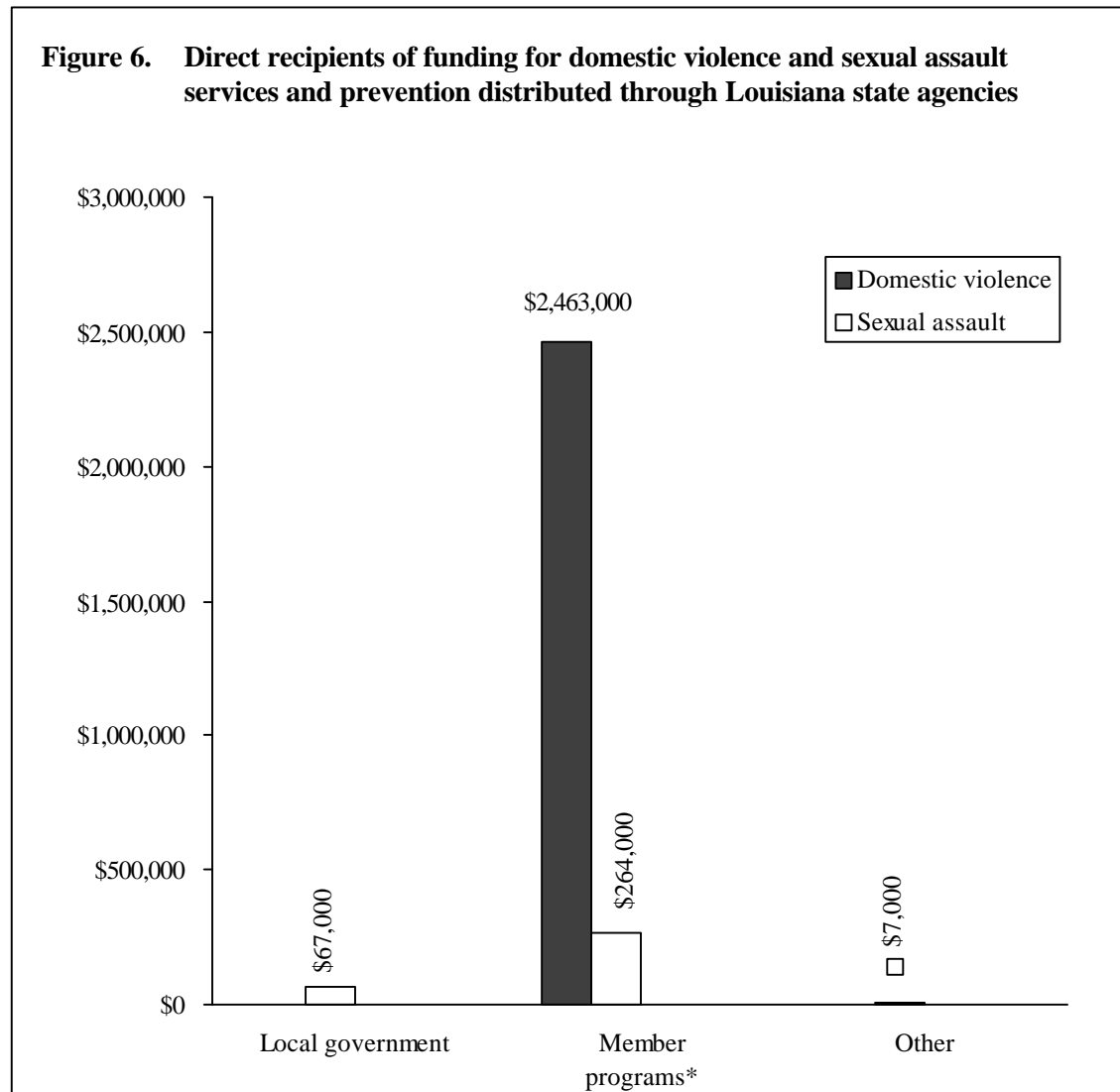
Exhibit 8. Sources of government funding reported by Louisiana state agencies	
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$270,000 • Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$562,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Revenues/General Fund - \$1,282,000 • Marriage License Fee/Surcharge - \$438,000 • Inter-agency Transfer - \$143,000 • Other - \$107,000

Figure 5 illustrates how state agencies distributed money for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. One can see that Louisiana state agencies distributed the vast majority of state money to domestic violence programs. Federal money is also more heavily weighted on domestic violence programs than those targeting sexual assault.



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

By far the greatest beneficiaries of state administered funds are local domestic violence programs. Of the money that passed through state agencies, about 88 percent went directly to local domestic violence programs. State agencies disbursed the remaining 12 percent to local sexual assault programs, local government agencies, and to a private contract with Louisiana's sexual assault coalition (designated in figure 6 by "other").



*Included is one program that is not a member of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Local Programs and Services Funded through State Agencies

The Louisiana Office of Women's Services and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement both provided funds to local domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Only one local program, a domestic violence program, was not a member of the state coalition against domestic violence. Exhibit 9 outlines the services offered by this nonmember program.

**Exhibit 9. Number of local programs (N=1)
offering domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run domestic violence hotline
1	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
1	Support group for women
1	Legal advocacy program
1	Medical advocacy program
0	Specific support program for sheltered children
0	Services for non-sheltered children
*	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
*	Education programs in colleges or universities
1	Community education/speakers bureau
1	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Transitional/second stage housing
0	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>non-residential program offering counseling and support</i>)

*The respondent did not indicate whether or not the program offers these services.